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The Goa Right to Information (Amendment) Act, 1997 (Goa Act 1 of 1998), which has been passed by the Legislative Assembly of Goa on 17-12-1997 and assented to by the Governor of Goa on 10-1-1998, is hereby published for general information to the public.

P. V. Kadneker, Joint Secretary (Law).

Panaji, 14th January, 1998.

#### The Goa Right to Information (Amendment) Act, 1997

(Goa Act No. 1 of 1998) [10-1-1998]

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ACT

*to amend the provisions of the Goa Right to Information Act, 1997.*

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Forty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Goa Right to Information (Amendment) Act, 1997.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 5.*—In section 5 of the Goa Right to Information Act, 1997 (Act 28 of 1997) (hereinafter called the 'principal Act'),—

(a) after clause (b), the following shall be inserted, namely:—

“(bb) papers containing advice, opinion, recommendations or minutes submitted to the Governor for discharge of his

constitutional functions and any information, disclosure of which, would prejudicially affect the conduct of the Centre-State relations, including information exchanged in confidence between the Centre and the Government or any of their authorities or agencies.”;

(b) in clause (d),—

(i) for the figure “,”, the figure “.” shall be substituted;

(ii) the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that the competent authority shall, before withholding information under this clause, refer the matter to the Legislature Secretariat for determination of the issue and act according to the advice tendered by that Secretariat:

Provided further that no appeal shall lie under section 6 against an order withholding supply of information under this clause;”.

3. *Amendment of section 8.*—In section 8 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), after the expression “within the time specified,” the expression “or furnishes any information which is false in any material particulars and which he knows or has reasonable cause to believe to be false or does not believe it to be true,” shall be inserted.

4. *Omission of sections 9 and 10.*—Sections 9 and 10 of the principal Act shall be omitted.

5. *Amendment of section 11.*—In section 11 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), in clause (b), after item (iii), the following shall be inserted, namely:—

“(iv) non-official members not exceeding two other than those falling under item (iii) above.”.

Secretariat Annexe,  
Panaji,  
Dated: 14th January, 1998.

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